This past weekend, New Trier Township High School in Winnetka won the Illinois High School Association's State Scholastic Bowl

. More than 24 schools from throughout the state participated in the contest in Peoria. Congratulations are in order to the students and coaches at New Trier for their first scholastic bowl championship in school history.

As a graduate of the high school, I am proud of the strong academics that New Trier and the many other high schools in the 10th Congressional District offer. Quality schools are essential for strong communities. We are fortunate to have so many opportunities for our children in the District.